Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices. CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considered a number of important factors which include cost of production, changes in input prices, input/output price parity, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price parity, effect on industrial cost structure effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, international market price situation and parity between prices paid and prices received by the farmers.

HIV/AIDS prevention courses for truck drivers

*119. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently initiated courses in HIV/AIDS prevention for truck drivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had taken the assistance and advice of ILO in running a programme Surakshit Yaatra Project in Vijayawada which aims at reducing the spread of AIDS through behavioural change;

(d) if so, whether the project has been successful and is now going to be extended to the rest of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) Under the National AIDS Control Programme phase-II, groups at greater risk of contacting HIV infection such as truckers (drivers & cleaners) were given special attention. Under the scheme, the truckers are given detailed counseling on HIV/AIDS by trained counselors, provided free services for diagnosis & treatment of Sexually Tract Infections (STIs), condoms, referral to Voluntary Counselling & Testing Centers (VCTCs), treatment for Opportunistic Infections (OIs), etc. In 109 sites in the country, such a package of services is being provided to truckers touring mainly on National Highways (NH). Besides, in 387 projects, interventions are being implemented covering all the high risk groups including truckers.

Recently, as a part of our aim to mainstream HIV/AIDS into all sectors and programmes other than those implemented by the Department of Health, the Department of Road Transport & Highways, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways has introduced a training module on HIV/AIDS awareness and incorporated it as a part of the two days refresher training programmes on road transport/road safety being imparted to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.

Likewise, the All India Motor Transport Congress Society (AIMTCS) and its sub partner Krishna District Lorry Owners Association (KDLOA) has also been implementing the "Surakshith Yatra" project since 2002 in Vijayawada with funding support from the United States Agency for the International Development (USAID)/Family Health International (FHI). Under this project, comprehensive HIV prevention, care and support services are provided for transport workers and their families in Vijayawada. So far, 42,000 transport drivers & workers, 4,000 community members and 519 people living with HIV/AIDS have benefited from the project and, at present, 93 affected families are being provided home based care (details of the achievements under the project is enclosed as statement (*See* below). The project ends in September, 2006. Evaluation of the project will be carried out as a part of the endline activity. Based on the evaluation report, implementation of this project model will be considered.

Statement

Activity Indicators and Achievements of the project up to January'06

Sl. No.	Activities	Target Achieved
1	2	3
1.	Primary Audience Reached through BCC Interventions (1-1 & 1-Group Interaction)	42,544
2.	Total No. of Trucker Families reached with services	1,723
3.	Trainee drivers participated in one day workshop using the peer training module at KDLOA Driving school	2,882

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4.	Community reached through Mass media programmes Street theatre, Slide Show and Folk Media	79,221
5.	Total number of general patients who accessed treatment from the Project	27,007
6.	Sexually Transmitted Infections treated	6,640
7.	Clients counseled for both the STI and HIV	4,718
8.	Clients referred to Voluntary Counseling and Testing center (VCTC)	1,087
9.	No. of clients who accessed VCTC services	765
10.	No. of referred clients who tested HIV reactive in the VCT center	201
11.	Total No. of PLHA who registered in the Project clinic	519
12.	Total condom outlets installed and maintained in the community	29
13.	Total No. of condoms distributed	6,38,463
14.	No. of shops promoted social marketing of condoms in the interventions. Supplied by the DKT India.	120
15.	No. of Care givers trained and supporting the Project	40
16.	No. of peer educators involved in the Project	80
17.	Other BCC and IEC materials are distributed in different programs	49,790
18.	No. of Tuberculosis patients benefited from the project	16
19.	Women benefited in the project	9,240
20.	No. of Mobile Health camps conducted	372
21.	Total Patients are treated in Mobile clinic	5,933
	Total Value of the Drugs supplied on Free of cost:	7,45,741.05
21.	Value of the drugs Supplied by KDLOA:	Rs. 2,38,572.35/-
	Value of the drugs supplied by other sources:	Rs. 5,07,168.70/-
22.	No. of families covered by Home Based Care	93 families